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## FIVE PER CENT PAY HIKE ADVANCED FOR FEDERAL WORKERS

By Rector B. Meyer

The House Post Office and Civil Service Committee has approved legislation for a five per cent across-the-board pay raise for classified civil service and congressional employees. The measure sets a minimum increase of \$180 a year. The cost was estimated at \$300 million a year. Postal employees previously had been voted equivalent increases to cost around \$150 million annually.

Last month the House Civil Service Committee approved a seven per cent postal pay raise bill, without reclassification, but this measure thus far has been held  
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## DROUGHT DISASTER COUNTIES ARE ANNOUNCED FOR 3 STATES

Texas Included

Designation of 54 counties and parts of five others in three states - Wyoming, Texas, and Colorado -- as drought disaster areas were announced July 21 by Secretary of Agriculture, Ezra Taft Benson. Twenty-four counties in New Mexico were previously designated drought areas.

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## USDA CLUB VICE-PRESIDENT TENDERS RESIGNATION

Wm. G. Elliott, Vice-President of the USDA Club of Dallas, has resigned from the office effective in July.

Mr. Elliott said, "I was elected during my hospitalization in November 1953 and my official duties preclude me from devoting the time necessary to do  
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## ROCKEFELLER PUBLIC SERVICE 1954 AWARDS PROGRAM IS ANNOUNCED FOR CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

By B. J. Cox

The following excerpts from Office of Personnel Memorandum to Heads of Department Agencies, No. P-960, dated June 28, 1954, is quoted below for your information.

"Program designed to give special recognition to outstanding public service by civilians in Federal Government and to establish incentives for their continuance and advancement in the service."  
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## CSS PERSONNEL FOR CHEER CLUB CHOSEN BY BALLOT

Ballots were passed to all employees of CSS for the purpose of selecting  
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## YEAGER GETS HONOR MEMBER AWARD

Lois Mildred Yeager, Editor of the USDA CLUB NEWS, has been voted the Honor Member of the Club for the first six months of the year.

She will receive the Award at the September meeting of the Club. Selection was made by the Certificate of  
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THE ATOM'S BRIGHT SIDE

Up to now, no one knows just what we may expect of the atom. There is still a question - is it a curse to humanity that the atom was ever split and the powerful bombs created, or can the atom be put to constructive uses and be the greatest invention of mankind?

The story is still unfolding and our attention has been concentrated mostly on the military aspect. However, Joseph Campbell of the Atomic Energy Commission has not exaggerated the importance of the work that is being done to harness the atom to perform medical, agricultural and industrial tasks.

Commissioner Campbell says the ever-growing use of our man-made radioisotopes and the acquisition of new radiation techniques and equipment have already begun to yield noteworthy dividends.

Our oil companies and manufacturers of heavy equipment are at present saving about \$100 million a year by using radioisotopes to check and improve the quality and state of their production. Mr. Campbell predicts that this saving will steadily increase to approximately \$1 billion annually by 1964.

In the field of health, the atom has opened up great avenues of highly promising research against disease. Similarly in agriculture it holds out significant possibilities as a preservative  
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of meats and vegetables and it may help to uncover the secret of photosynthesis, thereby paving the way to limitless food production in an ill-fed world whose population is multiplying at an unprecedented rate.

The atom might be compared to a two-faced coin and its possibilities might go in either direction but if we have peace the great good that shines from one side perhaps will completely submerge the immense evil that leers from the other side, and it may become a vast blessing to mankind.

WOMEN VOTERSNOT USING POWER

In the recently passed elections statistics show a much larger number of male voters than female.

Glancing at the poll lists one might think what a large number of bachelors! But they are not bachelors, in case you are interested from this angle.

The truth is many of the men's wives are not voting. There are considerably more women than men in the United States and the women could control things.

We are not advocating the latter as we do not think our creator intended it that way. Many of our women are just indifferent and do not care to vote; but, isn't this privilege also a responsibility of every good citizen to pay his poll tax, become informed and vote?



TRAFFIC TRAVELS

By Lucille Dickey

Col. Morris, Chief of Traffic Management Section, spent several days during July in Mobile, Alabama, checking on elevator facilities for storage of CCC-owned grain.

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Dewey Thomas, Traffic Officer, spent the week of July 19 in Houston, Texas, endeavoring to aid the Houston Public Elevator and the Galveston Wharves in clearing their tracks of CCC owned grain. He ordered grain out of the elevator to Corpus Christi, and Port Arthur, Texas, to make room for storage of the grain on track.

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Bob Thurmond has returned from his vacation at Possum Kingdom where he acted as Assistant to the Boy Scout Counselor in caring for thirteen Boy Scouts. Bob reports quite an experience in coming home. He was in a "beat up" station wagon with nine boys and all of the luggage and had three blow-outs. It is also rumored that one of the boys was left behind and not missed until they were well on their way home, which necessitated a return trip. We understand that Bob caught a number of nice fish; however, this is strictly hearsay as none of us found any fish on our back porch nor an invitation to a fish fry.

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NEW POULTRY DIVISION SHOWS REMARKABLE GROWTH

The organization of the Poultry Division, consisting of the Grading Branch, Inspection Branch, Standardization and Marketing Practices Branch, Program Analysis Group, and Administrative Group, was recently announced.

Few people realize that this Division, manned by a comparatively small Washington staff, has a field of approximately 1,820 licensed graders and inspectors. They are supervised out of four Area and 47 State offices for the purpose of servicing approximately 1,120 poultry, egg, egg products, and rabbit processing plants on a contract or resident basis. In addition, the poultry products inspection and grading requirements of all the large terminal markets and many intermediate-sized markets are served by a group of terminal market graders on a fee basis.

The service can be divided into two phases: (1) Grading, which includes shell eggs, dried eggs, live, dressed, and ready-to-cook poultry, and a sanitation service, and (2) inspection of poultry for wholesomeness. As a basis for grading and inspection of poultry, it requires, as apart of the program, that a plant utilize the sanitation program. Ready-to-cook poultry is not graded unless it has been inspected. These services are provided under two general headings: (1) Fee basis, which provides service at any point at a cost to the user of the service that is in relation to the time expended or the volume of product graded. This form of  
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YEAGER GETS HONOR AWARD, etc. (Cont'd from Page 1)

Merit Committee whose Chairman is G. R. McPherson of CSS.

Among the qualifications for receiving the Award are creating good will among USDA employees, carrying on activities over and above normal operations of duty and promoting general operations of USDA.

Holding a B. A. Degree from Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, with a major in English, Mildred came to CSS (then PMA) in October 1949.

Among her Texas jobs have been editor, PUTNAM NEWS, a weekly newspaper; and secretary to two Representatives of the Texas Legislature, Austin.

Later, she became secretary to a Congressman of the Texas delegation, Washington, D. C.; worked in the Dispatch Analysis Section of Foreign Funds Control composing briefs and memoranda pertaining to special cases for the investigative staff of the Legal Division.



NEWS IN TRANSIT

By Geneva McIntire

Mrs. Sallie Lou Benton will be missed by the many friends she made while filling a temporary appointment with the Accounting Section. A luncheon was held in her honor at Youngbloods, July 23. Mrs. Benton will vacation in California, after which she will return to her farm at McKinney, Texas, to resume her many duties in running a large farm. Mrs. Benton is very active in civic work. Her co-workers have enjoyed knowing and working with her and hope she will not forget her friends in Dallas.

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Margaret Syfrett resigned July 30 to stay home with Stevie. Margaret's smile will be missed among her many friends in the entire office. Our loss will make a little boy happy. Best of luck and happiness to Margaret and her family.

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Mary Sinclair is convalescing at home, 319 Terrace Drive. Her Mother is on the job seeing that Mary minds the Doctor and also giving her the love and attention we all appreciate. We are all happy that Mary is recovering rapidly and are looking forward to her return to work.

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Frances Pierce is being missed from the office but she and her husband, Charles, are to be congratulated on the lovely baby daughter, Terrie Ann. The baby is a granddaughter of Mrs. Sara D. Pierce of Farmers Home Administration. \*\*\*\*

NEW POULTRY DIVISION HAS REMARKABLE GROWTH, Cont'd

service meets the intermittent needs of the small operator who cannot afford continuous service or a larger operator who may not require continuous service, and (2) contract, which provides for resident or continuous service at the packing plant. The charges for this service are based on volume of product handled or a flat weekly charge.

When the service was started, shortly after World War I, it was designed primarily to serve as a contract compliance agency in connection with the Navy's procurement requirements. Service was first provided on this basis in some of the larger terminal markets. As the desirability of the service became better known, requests for extending it to other large markets were received, and service was installed in large terminal markets such as Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, and St. Louis.

As the service expanded under the stimulus of increasing acceptance in the larger terminals, requests developed for similar services at shipping points, so as to make the service available to country shippers as well as to receivers in large cities.

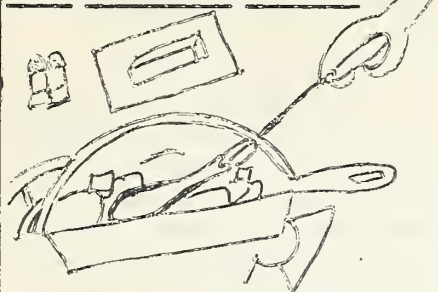
The shipping point program, better known as the "resident grader program," had barely got under way in some of the more intensified poultry and egg production areas when the country was suddenly faced with the impact of World War II and its overnight demand for tremendous quantities of foodstuffs for the armed forces and our allies. Fortunately, the standards and grades, grading procedures, and mechanics for operating in various States under Federal-State grading programs had already been established. They furnished a sound, though meager, skeletal structure upon which to build an expanded service that could adequately handle the inspection and grading needs of industry and governmental agencies.

It is interesting to note some figures showing the rapid growth of the service by comparing the volume of poultry products graded and inspected in the past with more recent volume figures. In 1932, there were 516,000 cases of eggs officially graded. In 1953, there were 14,000,000 cases officially graded. This represents approximately 10% of the total sales of eggs off farms in the United States. In 1953, there were 273,000,000 lbs. of liquid, frozen, and dried eggs packed under USDA supervision. This represents approximately 66% of the total U.S. production. In 1930, there were 6,000,000 pounds of chickens officially graded. This represents one-third of 1 percent of all chickens sold off the farm. In 1953, this figure had risen to approximately 280,000,000 lbs. of chickens officially graded. In spite of the tremendous increase in poultry production in the U. S., it represented six and one-half percent of

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# EAT TURKEY IN AUGUST SAYS MARKETING SERVICE



Why wait until Thanksgiving or Christmas to have turkey on your menu when turkeys are being specially featured this month on the Plentiful Foods Monthly List, prepared by the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service of the Southwest Area?

The new crop of small size birds--ideal for frying, braising, broiling, and roasting--will be available in probably record quantities in August. Many of them will be the very young birds weighing from about 4 to 8 pounds ready to cook. Some of them--birds of usual roasting age and also tender-meated--will weigh when ready to cook as much as 14 pounds; and there will be a few of the larger sizes ready for market in August. You can save yourself from the labor of cooking and also some on the budget by cooking a large one to serve with dressing and then enjoy cold meat for two or three days.

"Cut up" poultry will be especially popular in August. "Why Whack Them Up," a reprint from "Marketing Activities" may be secured free upon request to Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA, Washington 25, D. C. This edition describes how thoughtful

retailers cut up turkeys and chickens to get more of the better cuts of poultry meat--what modern food shoppers want.

## BARTLETT PEARS



The other special feature on our plentiful food list is Bartlett pears. Production of these pears in California, Washington and Oregon is slightly above the previous 10-year average.

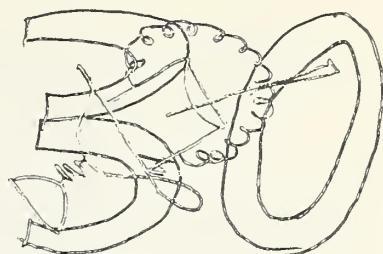
Use these juicy-ripe, mellow pears often in your daily menus for salads and desserts and for in-between snacks. They're a favorite for most people.

## OTHER PLENTIFUL FOODS

Beef  
Medium and Small Eggs  
Peanuts and Peanut Butter  
Salad Oils and  
Vegetable Shortening  
Milk and Other  
Dairy Products  
Fresh and Processed Lemons  
Fresh and Processed Limes

Peanuts and peanut products continue in good supply and are available at reasonable prices. Peanuts are not really nuts at all. They belong to the pea-and-bean family, the legumes. But like nuts they're popular in sandwiches, salads, cookies, desserts--even in main dishes and in combination with other vegetables. Feature peanut butter as a Sandwich Time special in combination with summer fruits and vegetables, spreads, cake mixes, etc.

# SQUELCH HOT WEATHER



Do not sit around and swelter! Instead, have tall glasses of iced cold lemonade available. Also, have a supply of fresh green limes on hand. Lemonades and limeades are a vitalizing drink for all ages and fit in with many summer party or regular menus.

## LEMON OR LIME CHIFFON PIE

1 tablespoon gelatin  
1/4 cup cold water  
3 eggs, separated  
3/4 cup sugar  
1/2 cup unstrained lemon or lime juice  
1/2 teaspoon grated lemon or lime rind  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
Baked 9 inch pastry shell or graham cracker shell  
Few drops green coloring for lime pie.

Sprinkle gelatin on water and soak a few minutes.

Beat egg yolks slightly, add half the sugar and the lemon or lime juice and rind.

Cook over boiling water, stirring constantly until thick.

Add gelatin to hot mixture; stir until dissolved. Add coloring for lime pie. Cool until thick but not set.

Add salt to egg whites and beat until stiff. Add rest of sugar slowly, beating constantly. Blend with the chilled gelatin mixture.

Pour into a shell and chill until firm.

NEW POULTRY DIVISION SHOWS REMARKABLE GROWTH, Cont'd

all chickens sold off the farms. In 1930, there were 5,000,000 pounds of turkeys officially graded, or 2.8% of all turkeys sold off the farms. In 1953, approximately 213,000,000 pounds of turkeys were officially graded, or 25% of all turkeys sold off farms. In 1951, the Poultry Sanitation Program was inaugurated. In 1953, there were 1,314,000,000 lbs. processed under the supervision of the Sanitation Program. This represented 23.1% of all chickens and turkeys sold off U. S. farms.

In 1938, approximately 43,500,000 pounds of poultry were inspected for wholesomeness. In 1948, 10 years later, this figure had risen to 293,500,000 pounds. It is estimated that in 1953 the Poultry Inspection Service inspected almost 1 billion pounds of poultry, representing about 20% of all poultry sold from farms.

The total tonnage of poultry graded, inspected, and handled under the sanitation program last year can be estimated at approximately 3-3/4 billion pounds.

DROUGHT DISASTER COUNTIES,  
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Texas counties in the emergency category are Bastrop, Bell, Bexar, Blanco, Bosque, Brown, Burnet, Comal, Comanche, Coryell, Erath, Hamilton, Hayes, Kendall, Lampasas, Lee, Llano, McCulloch, Mason, Mills, San Saba, Travis and Williamson.

Farmers and ranchers in drought disaster counties, if they require assistance under an emergency feed program to maintain their basic livestock herds, will be eligible to participate.

DID YOU KNOW?? (CSS Items)

THAT spelling recently entered into our local politics? Ed Bart confessed that he had intended to vote for G. R. McPherson in the election of officers for the CSS

Cheer Club but didn't know how to spell McPherson so voted for Eads instead?....

THAT Dorothy McBride went to the mountains to keep cool and when she got there it was 114 degrees? Dorothy and her husband visited Eureka Springs, Arkansas and Rockaway Beach, Missouri, on their vacation.

THAT Beecher Terrell strained his eyes watching the pretty girls come in with new cheaters?.....

THAT Charlotte Johnston Bell has a new baby boy, Timothy William? No doubt he will be a Government employee.....

THAT Ann Sockwell has brittle ribs? -- She has a good story about the accident.....

THAT Marshall Bond takes a nap each afternoon if the First Aid Room is not occupied?.....

AROUND THE OFFICE  
WITH PAD AND PENCIL

By Lola A. Chancellor

Ann Sockwell is running out of new ideas for freak accidents. Please, don't anyone make a suggestion! Her last episode: Ann, with both arms loaded with groceries squeezed out of her car between car door and garage, in a space large enough for only one arm and bundle -- consequences: punctured lung. Ann has had a hard time recuperating from this unusual and very painful incident and we hope it will be her last.

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Edith Youngblood's daughter, Pat, is in Stevens Park Hospital. At this time her condition is serious as she is suffering from anemia and strep throat.

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After three years of service in Program Operations Division, Rates Verification and Analysis Unit, Eugene Sims is leaving to take up a new position with the Norfolk and Western Railway Company. We hate to lose Gene, but are very glad to see him take advantage of such an opportunity as this. We wish for him success and happiness in his new work. We'll sure miss you, Gene.

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Opal McDonald and husband are leaving for a two weeks vacation in Arkansas. They intend to spend most of their time fishing in Lake Hamilton.

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MRS. BERYLE ASHCRAFT  
INVITED TO JOIN DAR

An employee of the Fiscal Division, CSS, Mrs. Beryle Ashcraft, has recently been honored by being solicited for membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution.

To become eligible for membership in the National Society of the DAR, "a woman must be not less than 18 years of age, and must be descended from a man or woman who, with unflinching loyalty to the cause of American Independence, served as a sailor, or as a soldier or civil officer in one of the several Colonies or States, or in the United Colonies or States, or as a recognized patriot, or rendered aid thereto; provided the applicant is personally acceptable to the Society." (Constitution, Article III, Section 1)

Mrs. Ashcraft is a descendant of Zacquill Morgan, who was her Mother's great great uncle.

During the Revolutionary War, Zacquill Morgan was County Lieutenant of Monongalia County (with the title of Colonel). The following is taken from a booklet entitled "West Virginia in Song and Story" compiled for Daughters of American Revolution 1916.

"Colonel Zacquill Morgan, one of the founders of Morgantown, West Virginia, commanded the Virginia Minute Men during the Revolutionary War. He with about 600 troops was with  
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ROCKEFELLER PUBLIC SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM, etc., Cont'd

"Approximately ten persons will be selected for these awards which are sufficient to enable recipients to study from six months to a year during a leave of absence from his job."

"Program is open to Federal Employees in Washington and field. Candidates need not be graduates of a college or a university. The standards of eligibility are general; however, the competition for this award is very keen."

"Applications may be made direct to the Rockefeller Public Service Awards Selection Committee, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and Internal Affairs, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, or employees may be nominated by and apply through their agencies. Applications must be received not later than September 3, 1954."

For further information contact Mrs. Hawk, Personnel Assistant, CSS Commodity Office, Extension 449 or 440.

General Gates at the battle of Saratoga in October 1777 and in that battle lost nearly half of his men. He served all through the war with distinction and died several years after peace was declared."

AROUND THE OFFICE WITH  
PAD AND PENCIL, Cont'd

With Apologies:

It seems that some of us, a little advanced in years, hedge around the subject of Birthdays, hoping no one will notice the passing of milestones, greying temples or loss of a few locks of hair. Publicity of a few well known birthdays in the paper last month brought to light one such hidden, retiring personality. It was not intended to overlook the occasion, so may we at this time extend Belated Birthday Greetings to our own Roy Hutchison, who celebrated on July 3.  
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Many Happy returns of the day, Roy.

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Maybelle Shoemaker is leaving by plane for Tacoma, Washington, about the middle of August for a two weeks vacation with her brother, Dr. Joe Jarvis and family.

Mrs. Jarvis writes that "Old Man Summer" has missed them altogether. They have never turned off the furnaces, the spring flowers have not bloomed, and winter seems to stay on. Happy Landing, Maybelle, have a nice vacation in that wonderful climate.

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Mr. McPherson is the envy of all the office these days - driving that beautiful new Station Wagon.

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Yvonne Kile is a very lucky girl. On one of her most lucky days she took a chance and won an air-conditioner for her car. She is now having it installed. How about a ride, Yvonne? \*\*\*



POULTRY GRADING OFFICE  
REPORTS NEW CONTRACTS

By Ruth C. Brown

The Poultry Grading Office, AMS, Dallas, reports their work in Texas is growing almost like "Jack and the Bean Stalk."

Through the efforts of J. A. Bybee, Federal-State Supervisor and M. E. Walker, Assistant, San Antonio, new Contracts for shell eggs, frozen eggs and poultry have been received from the following points: Cuero, Center, Hondo, Waco, Lufkin (2 contracts), Seguin (2 contracts), Houston, Shiner, Temple, Abilene, Paris and San Angelo (2 contracts). In some of these plants Federal employees (NACCS) will be installed to handle the program, while in the smaller plants a bonded company employee will be utilized.

LOWLY CORNCOB GOES UP  
IN THE WORLD

Fifteen years ago there was only one small plant in the U. S. processing corncobs, turning out 5,000 tons a year.

Today there are 24 such plants in the north central states alone, grinding out 600,000 tons of cobs annually.

Chiefly, the processed cobs are used to make furfural, used in oil refining, manufacture of nylon, drugs, insecticides, weed killers and many other things.

Buy your magazine subscriptions through your USDA Club.

POULTRY DIVISION NOTES

By Ruth C. Brown

Harold L. Wilson, Jr., of Wells, Minnesota, has moved to Texas, to take an assignment with the Poultry Grading Division in the large Burgess Poultry Plant, Nacogdoches.

John C. Shipman, NACC, was formerly stationed in this plant, but has accepted a promotion to the Denison Poultry & Egg Company Plant in Center, Texas, effective July 19.

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John A Hamann, formerly Regional Supervisor of Poultry Branch, Dallas, assumed the assignment as Section Head of the Marketing Practices Section, Washington, D. C., on July 14.

Mr. Hamann has been in the Washington Office now for the past two years. As usual he is managing to keep busy with official, as well as extra-curricular work - such as coaching Cub Scout activities, participating in the work of his Church, gardening, painting and keeping his home in Cheverly, Maryland, in tip-top shape. He reports, however, that "I doubt whether I could stand up under the Dallas heat now since I have redeveloped my Yankee blood to the extent where 95 degrees F. heat seems pretty hot, although it is accompanied by very much humidity, from which you folks are comparatively free."

Mr. Hamann asks to be remembered to his many Dallas friends.

VACATIONERS

Vacations are still occurring among USDA Fifth Floor Annex personnel.

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Thelma Laney, Audit, has taken more time off, but has remained in Dallas visiting with her brother from New York City.

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J. A. Bybee, Poultry Division, leaves the last of July for approximately three weeks in Los Angeles, California, and vicinity.

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Ida Thornton, F&V Office, will take a week off in August, but will remain in Dallas.

DID YOU KNOW? (CSS Items)

THAT Stazie Athas is resigning from Government service as of August 13th and that the reason might not be what you think?.... Best of luck, Stazie, in raising your small daughter.

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THAT Berniece Holder timed her vacation to coincide with the day her boyfriend departed to enter on his new job?-- could be there is something brewing.

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THAT Truman Cunningham enjoyed a short vacation in the mountains? Rumors have it that his young son showed him up as a fisherman.....

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THAT Marie Rheinlander and Thelma Neely are the warmest numbers in the Commodity Office -- HOT CHEESE!

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CSS CHEER CLUB, etc., Cont'd

personnel for the CSS Cheer Club for the coming year.

Employees had the privilege of voting for the persons whose names were printed on the ballot or writing in a name of their choice.

At a meeting held in the office of G. R. McPherson the following were selected:

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

Yvonne S. Kile

FISCAL DIVISION:

William F. Bane  
Harry G. Gilliam  
Lottie S. Erwin

FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION:

Kenneth C. Duggin

PROGRAM OPER. DIVISION:

Roy A. Hutchison  
James A. Wright

This group of personnel will select from among themselves a president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer. The others selected will serve as Directors or Committee Members.

JODIE PHIPPS  
HAS BABY GIRL

Jodie Reinhardt Phipps is the proud mother of another baby girl, Heather Elaine, born July 27. This is the second daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Phipps. Jodie formerly worked at CSS and the baby is a granddaughter of Mrs. Bertha Reinhardt.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

FIVE PER CENT PAY HIKE ADVANCED FOR FEDERAL WORKERS,  
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up in the House Rules Committee.

An effort will be made in the Senate committee to provide a seven per cent raise for classified and postal workers with a \$240 minimum and \$480 maximum. However, Chairman Carlson will oppose this on grounds the Administration leadership will balk at such legislation.

To speed the five per cent pay raise legislation, the Senate committee probably will attach the pay raise bill to the House-passed employee incentive awards measure. And, the House committee is planning similar strategy by attaching its pay benefits measure to the Senate-approved fringe benefits bill. This would provide two alternatives for expediting action.

As a result of revising the five per cent classified pay measure to provide a \$1.80 minimum raise, here is what classified workers would receive under the House committee's bill.

Grades 1 through 5, \$180; Grade 6, \$190; Grade 7, \$210; Grade 8, \$230; Grade 9, \$255; Grade 10, \$275; Grade 11, \$295; Grade 12, \$350; Grade 13, \$420; Grade 14, \$480; Grade 15, \$540; Grade 16, \$600; Grade 17, \$650; Grade 18, no increase.

(Federal Civil Service Biweekly Newsletter, dtd 7/21/54)

VICE-PRESIDENT TENDERS  
RESIGNATION, Cont'd

full justice to this post. In addition, my time after office hours is committed to Naval Reserve Activity. As we know the office of First Vice-President is an action one and not merely a complimentary one. It is a privilege to continue association with the Club in member status."

Elliott's resignation is accepted with regret but understood since he is Captain and very active in the Naval Reserve, where he is an instructor. He will complete 20 years with the Naval Reserve at the end of 1954.

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Lawrence Smith, FHA, 2nd Vice-President of the Club, automatically steps up to the First Vice-Presidency.

A MYSTERY?

Two guys were walking off the effects of a big party when they found themselves stumbling along a railroad track. After trudging along for some time, one commented, "This is the longest set of stairs I ever tried to climb."

"Sure is," complained his companion. "And why do you reckon they made the banisters so low?"

SPORTS CHATTER

By David M. Wells

The one sports activity which is equally popular with both men and women is bowling. As for the reason why this is true, I seem to recall that I liked to bowl because the girls liked to bowl; maybe it's the same with the girls. Actually, there are other and more valid reasons why bowling is very popular. It is a game which pits the skill of one individual against another, yet it also affords the factor of team play not usually present in sports like golf. Most important, probably, is the opportunity bowling gives for fellowship and socializing while affording physical exercise.

In times past, many USDA folks bowled regularly and often. Around the Commodity Office, however, very few people presently indulge themselves thus. This disintegration of interest was caused mostly by the bowling alley management, who insisted on large leagues, assigned the least desirable times, and afforded shabby pin service.

If you dropped out of bowling because of any or all of the above, here is some good news. Garland Wheeler, probably the most likeable fellow who ever worked for USDA in Dallas, has leased the Cedar Crest Lanes, located on Lancaster Ave., just south of Cedar Crest Shopping Center. This is a six-lane alley, brand-new and complete with most modern equipment, food facilities, and parking space.  
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EMPLOYEE SUGGESTIONS

There are always ways of improving your work. Things do not stand still and new angles appear in your duties. Be alert and solve your new problems and don't fail to turn in your solution as an employee suggestion. Suggestions should be turned in through your immediate supervisor to C. W. Polson, Chairman, Employee Suggestion Committee, 2nd Floor, 3306 Main Street.

Seems like a score or more of you Oak Cliff dwellers could get together and form a nice little league and reap the aforementioned benefits of fun, frolic, fellowship and figure trimming. In which case, you can contact Felton Overbey in Fiscal Claims & Collections (Ext. 371) or Clara Mae Cannefax (Fiscal, Office of Chief, Ext. 475). Of course, you're welcome at Cedar Crest Lanes any time for open play, or you can just visit with Wheeler; this latter is pretty good exercise just trying to get a word in edgewise. (Wells being forced to this? did I hear somebody say). As a point of order, I hereby state that Garland knows nothing of this article as of this writing. Moreover, he owes me no money and I owe him none. He did owe me one pint of blood, but we called it even when he consented to play a drunk in my Christmas Skit.

Good Luck, Wheeler, and keep 'em rolling.

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By the way, you might get your check in the mail for your tickets to that football game on Friday night, September 10, between the Detroit Lions and the Cleveland Browns. You may see the best game  
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of the year; it's a blue-eyed cinch you won't see any better players all year than you will in this game.

STAMP MACHINES INSTALLED AT CSS

You can now purchase your postage stamps from machines at CSS.

For two and three cent stamps patronize the machines on first and third floors. Quite a convenience!

THANKS, Cheer Club!

MAYBE FARMING?

"Your father must be getting pretty well on in years," said a cousin from the city to a farmer.

"Yes, Pap's nigh on to ninety!"

"Health Good?"

"No, not just now. He hasn't been feeling himself for some time back."

"What seems to be the trouble?"

"I don't know. Sometimes I think farming don't agree with him any more."

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